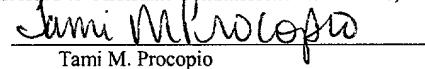


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Guan-Ting CHEN, et al.

Serial No.: Not yet assigned

Based on Taiwanese App.: 90108957

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For: BIOCHIP TESTING SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the claims as follows:

Enclosed is the following Exhibit A:

Exhibit A: Marked-up Version of Amendments to the Claims.

AMENDMENT

Please replace claim 16 with the following claim 16:

16. A personal digital biochip assistant (PDBA), comprising the biochip testing system of claim 1.

REMARKS

This application claims priority to foreign application 90108957. The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies, provide antecedent basis for terms in dependent claims, and to conform to U.S. practice. The scope of the claims is believed unchanged.

No new matter has been added and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A. - VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. A personal digital biochip assistant (PDBA), comprising the biochip testing system of [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 15].